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1. SPOKE TO DAYAN MORNING OF JUNE 23 AND CONVEYED TO HIM INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE THINGS STAND WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED MEETING ALONG LINES OF PARA THREE, REF A. HE HAD ALREADY LEARNED OF OUR THINKING FROM DINITZ' REPORT ON HIS EXCHANGE WITH SECRETARY VANCE, AND HAD OF COURSE ALSO SEEN PRESS STORIES TODAY WHICH REFER SPECIFICALLY TO LONDON AS PROBABLE SITE FOR PROPOSED MEETING. (FYI: SEVEN A.M. ISRAELI RADIO NEWS FRIDAY CARRIED STORY SOURCED TO "WASHINGTON OFFICIALS" THAT WE WERE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A VANCE/KAMEL/DAYAN MEETING IN LONDON IN SECOND WEEK OF JULY.)

2. DAYAN SAID THAT OF COURSE GOI WOULD CERTAINLY PARTICIPATE IN ANY MEETING, ANYWHERE, WITH EGYPTIANS, THOUGH HE RETAINS HIS SKEPTICISM ABOUT UTILITY OF MEETING WITH KAMEL. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, DAYAN SAID HE MUCH PREFERRED TO HAVE VANCE PRESENT. IF BILATERAL MEETINGS WERE ALSO DESIRED AND ACCEPTABLE TO KAMEL, HE WOULD OF COURSE BE HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE. JULY 10-12

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TIME FRAME WILL BE QUITE SATISFACTORY FOR ISRAELIS, AND HE RAISED NO OBJECTION TO LONDON AS SITE.

3. I MADE CLEAR TO DAYAN THAT THIS WAS ALL VERY INFORMAL AT THIS STAGE SINCE WE HAD TO SORT OUT DATE PROBLEM IN PARTICULAR WITH EGYPTIANS, AND THAT I HOPED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM SATURDAY OR SUNDAY WITH FORMAL PROPOSAL

IF OUR FURTHER EXPLORATIONS WITH EGYPTIANS WERE SATISFACTORY. HE WILL BE WAITING EAGERLY TO HEAR FROM ME.

4. I TOOK OCCASION TO SOUND HIM OUT ON HIS AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE FALL-BACK DATES OF JULY 7 AND 8. HE SAID THOSE WOULD BE ALSO SATISFACTORY TO HIM, THOUGH LESS DESIRABLE BECAUSE OF PROBLEM WHICH ANY OFFICIAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR A SATURDAY (JULY 8) WOULD POSE. IF WE HAD TO FALL BACK TO JULY 7-8, DAYAN HOPES THAT MEETINGS DURING DAY ON SATURDAY COULD BE AVOIDED, ALTHOUGH IN EXTREMIS HE WOULD HE THOUGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE PART.

5. DAYAN ASKED ME ABOUT WHO MIGHT COME FROM THE EGYPTIAN SIDE IN ADDITION TO KAMEL; I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD NO INFORMATION AT THIS POINT. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO BRING BARAK, RUBINSTEIN AND ROSENNE WITH HIM IF THIS WERE SATISFACOTRY TO US. HE ALSO SAID THAT IF THE EGYPTIANS BY ANY CHANCE WOULD ALSO SEND GAMASY ALONG WITH KAMEL, THEN OF COURSE WEIZMAN SHOULD COME FROM JERUSALEM WITH HIM. I SAID THAT I HAD NO INDICATION THAT GAMASY WOULD BE INVOLVED.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE SIGNAL FROM CAIRO AS TO WHETHER SADAT AGREES SO THAT I CAN GET TO DAYAN AGAIN WITH OUR OFFICIAL PROPOSAL. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO BE ABLE TO DO SO BY SATURDAY NIGHT SO THAT HE
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COULD DISCUSS THE MEETING WITH THE CABINET ON SUNDAY MORNING IF HE AND BEGIN WISHED TO DO SO. IN THE MEANTIME, THE MATTER HERE, ACCORDING TO DAYAN, IS BEING KEPT BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE PRIME MINISTER.
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